

# Polk County

County Seat: Bolivar

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 31,229

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,172	1,848	29.8%	26%	↑	20.4%	64
Food insecurity for children*	1,980	1,850	28%	24.7%	↑	20.8%	77
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>^+</sup>	133	109	6.6%	5.7%	↑	8.0%	7
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	50	32	6.6	4.4	↑	7.6	13
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	31	31	4.1	4.2	↓	10.2	36
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	36	23	27	17	↑	25.0	21
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>^</sup>	25	49	3.3	6.6	↓	4.5	71
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	384	329	87.3%	93.2%	↑	90.2%	59
Achievement proficiency <sup>^#</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	146	201	40.7%	52.8%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	208	190	57.5%	48.8%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	191	156	51.8%	40.7%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	259	252	55.5%	60%		62.2%	

<sup>^</sup>Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

\* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

# Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

**LEGEND:** ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2011	31,190
	2015	31,229
Child population under 18	2011	7,593
	2015	7,389
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	24.4%
	2015	23.7%
Child population under 6	2011	2,377
	2015	2,300
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.6%
	2015	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2011	448
	2015	532
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	5.9%
	2015	7.2%
Minority child population under 6	2011	149
	2015	166
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	2%
	2015	2.2%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	23.3%
	2011-2015	25.5%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	73.3%
	2011-2015	73%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	33.6%
	2011-2015	26.4%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	29.8%
	2011-2015	26%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	31%
	2011-2015	31.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	46.7%
	2011-2015	46.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	43.5%
	2015	36.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$45,345
	2011-2015	\$45,213
Adult unemployment	2011	8.9%
	2015	5.2%
Child homelessness	2011	0%
	2015	0.7%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	89.6
	2016	94.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	38.5%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.7%
	2015	95.4%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	61.5
	2011-2015	44.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	10.5%
	2011-2015	10.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	41
	2015	51.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	1.6%
	2015	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	4
	2015	7.3
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	66.5%
	2011-2015	0%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	4.5
	2011-2015	6.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	31.5
	2011-2015	43.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	29.1
	2011-2015	33.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	42.3
	2011-2015	84.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	66.7%
	2011-2015	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	11.4
	2010-2014	25.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	83.1
	2010-2014	85.2
Uninsured children	2010	8.1%
	2014	9.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	94.1%
	2015	95.2%

\*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.